

# News and Gossip of Interest to the Boy Scouts of the District and Vicinity

## SCOUTMASTER LAUDS BOY SCOUTS' SPIRIT

### Points to Their Eagerness to Conform to Rules, and Even Do More Than Needed.

Some excellent advice to Boy Scouts is given by Scoutmaster C. N. Filkins of Troop 43, regarding the work in the troops. Of especial interest is the following communication, which points out the eagerness of boys to conform to all the rules and to do more than which they occasionally do more than is required. This is the right spirit, Scoutmaster Filkins thinks, but the boys should be careful not to overdo in many matters.

"When a boy wants something, he gets busy," says Scoutmaster Filkins. "If he is busy, he is happy. If his energies are rightly directed, those about him are happy and the boy himself is improving."

Sometimes Waste Energy. "This, in brief, is the plan of the Boy Scout movement. It makes a boy want to get in and to get ahead. And it makes the conditions of admission and advancement such that they are good for the boy and other people."

"Occasionally, of course, a boy wastes some energy. Last week one of the Washington scoutmasters received a visit from a boy just past his twelfth birthday, and this just eligible for admission to his troop. The boy owned a scout manual for a year, and apparently knew it by heart. In addition to his knowledge, he was armed with a bundle of written recommendations that would do credit to an office-seeker."

Such Letters Unnecessary. "He had secured letters from several of his friends, from his Sunday school teacher, two public school teachers, and the principal of the school, two physicians, two local druggists, and a police officer of his town."

"Letters of this sort are not necessary, as the only requirement for a tenderfoot is to know the Scout law, the Scout oath, the history of the American flag, and the customary forms of respect due it, and to be able to tie the four different knots. This boy, however, had the right spirit in being prepared to face the scoutmaster, and is now a well-fledged tenderfoot."

## Boy Scout Letters.

To the Scout Editor: Eight scouts took part in a pleasant outing at Lake Bluff, on the Potomac, last week. They were Elton Taylor, Hayes Jack, Edward Duke, Gerald Duke, Raymond Hurdie, Clarence Frederick, Arthur Bau, Emory Naylor, Edward Duke, George Kraft, Raymond Baur, Hamilton Dougherty, John Petrie, Roger Lugenbuhl, Artie Browning, Edward King, Norris Gaudes, Dwight Perry, Harry Campbell, Orville Walsh, Hayes Jack, Arnel Carpenter, William Ge, Benjamin Brozman, Clarence Shrop, Chester Guy, and Earl Anderson, Edward Comgey.

To the Scout Editor: Troop 4 had a delightful outing recently when a number of members went up to Great Falls. Under the charge of Scoutmaster A. Gunnell, of St. Andrew's Church, the party started early in the morning. At 7 o'clock does not seem too early to commence an outing, and the party started on their way to the northwest on the car and then hiked up the road. We found a boat and went over to an island. We played water polo and took part in scout activities and had a fine time generally. We made fire and got our own cooking. The other scouts took enough to make a lot of fires. One scout made a fire very carefully with a single match, and the other scouts took fire from that one by means of pine splinters.

Very truly,  
SCRIE, Troop 4.

To the Scout Editor: Troop 2 had a number of pleasant week-end outings and about a week ago camped out at Vireo, Va., about five miles below the first of the falls. We had an outing of two days. All sorts of scout activities were carried out by the boys and we had a very fine time. We are hoping to have camp there again soon. A few days ago, while on an outing, we assisted in finding two boys who had strayed from their uncle and become lost.

Yours truly,  
HORACE WOOD,  
Second Class Scout, Troop 2.

To the Scout Editor: We are planning to make a fine showing for Troop 21 in the coming relay race to Chicago next week. First Class Scout Dan Eggleston, Howard Derrick, and Lloyd Goson; Second Class Scouts Kenneth Harries and Tenderfoot Scout Philip McKenney will represent the troop.

A visit is planned to the naval battalion tomorrow night for instruction. As we are to be special guests of the commander we are looking forward to a good time.

Our permanent camp in the woods near Takoma Park promises to be an attractive place. The boys will be able to carry out all sorts of scout activities. A pleasant scheme is to entertain members of other Boy Scout troops who wish to visit us over the Fourth of July, or for any week-end. Those intending to be present, however, should notify the scout scribe in advance in order that he may make arrangements for their keep.

HOWARD DERRICK,  
Scout Scribe, Troop 21.

To the Scout Editor: Members of Troop 19 are arranging to have a summer camp down the river sometime about the first of July. Walter Cuzins, scoutmaster, will have charge of the camp. The complete program has not been laid out but a number of pleasant features are promised and the boys are looking forward to the outing with a great deal of pleasure.

Our most recent outing was a trip to Cabin John Bridge. We arrived there about noon Saturday and stayed until about 7 o'clock. The weather was fine. We went through all sorts of scout games and had a very good time. We then did our own cooking and prepared a good meal. Our troop is pretty small as yet, following the reorganization a few weeks ago, but we have a lot of good boys and expect to enlarge the membership after the summer vacation.

Very truly yours,  
ALFRED RYAN, Troop 19.

Going to Chautauqua. A boy scout demonstration is being arranged for July 25 at Washington Grove in connection with the Chautauqua meetings to be held there on that date. The exact program and the troops which will take part has not been selected.

## Whip-Poor-Will Camp, North of Rock Creek Park. Troop 39 in Camp



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## ARMS NOT ALLOWED IN SCOUTS' CAMPS

### Rule Prevents Accidents and Eliminates Possibility of Any Militarism in Order.

On account of what is regarded as a slight misunderstanding of regulations, regarding firearms for Boy Scouts, the local council calls attention to the regulation prohibiting the use of firearms by Boy Scouts or anyone else in a Boy Scout camp.

This regulation emanated from the National Council in New York, and is being strictly adhered to in all other councils. Mr. Martin, scout commissioner, said:

Scoutmasters have pointed out a number of instances where boys have attempted to bring firearms into camp and have been compelled to go back home or send them home before being permitted to enter the camp. This applies, Mr. Martin says, not only to the boys associating with Scouts and means simply that the Scouts cannot have fire arms in their camps, who carry firearms.

The regulation was provided, it is declared, to prevent the recurrence of accidents which have occasionally marred Boy Scout life in camp, and also to eliminate "absolutely any suggestion of militarism among the boys of the troop. Any boy, Mr. Martin says, who takes firearms to a Boy Scout camp is liable to dismissal from the organization."

## BOYS HAVE CHANCE TO LEARN HYGIENE

### Scouts to Be Admitted to Fourth International Congress in Buffalo.

Announcement is made of an opportunity for Boy Scouts to learn of hygiene at the coming Fourth International Congress of School Hygiene in Buffalo, August 25 to 30. It is said to be the first congress of the kind ever held in this country and all the leading nations, every State in the Union, every college and university of note in this country and various other leading educational, scientific, medical and hygienic institutions as well as various women's organizations will be represented.

The president of the congress will be Charles William Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University. The vice presidents are Dr. William H. Welch, the well known pathologist of Johns Hopkins University, formerly president of the American Medical Association, and Dr. Henry P. Walcott, president of the recent International Congress on Hygiene and Demography and chairman of the Massachusetts State Board of Health.

While it is not planned to have any actual demonstrations or contests in which Boy Scouts may take part, there are various lines of activity in which they may be of service. A special cleared a great opportunity is presented for those scouts who wish to notice the consideration given to the subject by eminent scientists.

### To Hold Monthly Meetings.

Members of Troop 47 will hold monthly meetings during the summer in place of weekly meetings. This decision was reached at the regular meeting Friday night. Many of the boys will be away with their parents for the summer, while others will be at summer camps, and it was thought more profitable to hold only monthly meetings until September.

## BOYS HAVE MADE CONVENIENT TENT OF JULY 4 FESTIVAL

### New Item of Scout World Has Proved Its Efficiency on Several Occasions.

By VERNON BAILEY, Scoutmaster.

A convenient tent for use in the open by Boy Scouts has been designed by the boys of Troop 23, and has already proved its efficiency on many occasions. It can be made by any scout and requires no stitching at all. All that is required is five yards of good plaid sheeting, double width, that is six feet wide. It costs only 30 cents a yard, or \$1.50 for the whole length. Scouts should obtain the unbleached sort.

A 10-cent package of Diamond dyes used according to directions, will permit the dyeing of the cloth to any desired color. A dark green or a sea brown makes the best color for general use. One pound of paraffin dissolved in one gallon of gasoline provides a proper solution and when the tent has been thoroughly dipped in this and drained and dried, it is perfectly waterproof. The cloth should be dried before it is sized. After this, the cloth should be thoroughly ironed.

Loops may be placed at the corners by using an ordinary long shoe string, passing it through a small hole near the corner of the cloth and tying it about the hole. The cloth may be turned back at the corner and caught in the corner of the tent. The completed tent weighs about three and one-half pounds. As it will provide accommodations for four boys it may be assigned to one of the four, and other portions of the camp outfit carried in the tent.

It is thus seen that all the work may be done by a scout and at a total expense of less than \$2. If four boys join in the making it means an expense of less than 50 cents each. The tent may be used for a variety of purposes. As a tarpolin to cover supplies; as a cloak or poncho on wet days; as a blanket or shelter in the woods; or for any other purpose requiring protection in wet weather. It has been tested on by our scouts and found excellent for a variety of purposes.

## MANY SCOUTS WILL GO TO FIELD MEET

### Local Council to Send Delegation of Boys to Demonstration at U. of Va. in July.

News from the Boy Scouts' demonstration and field meet to be held at the University of Virginia, July 3 to 5, indicate that there will be a large gathering of scouts there. The local council is planning to send a delegation of boys to take part in the scout activities. The signal contest, for speed and accuracy; first aid test, diagnosis and treatment under careful judging; tent pitching contest, team work, camp breaking contest, team work and patrol drills, will be entered by the boys here. It is expected, and with anticipation of winning a good share of the events, it is declared. The council here has announced their disposition to emphasize the strictly Boy Scout spirit rather than those of a strictly athletic nature.

The rules of the contest require that all Boy Scouts who wish to enter the tent pitching contest should bring their own tent. A trophy has been offered for the team winning the greatest number of points, and it is expected the Washington council will also offer a handsome Grant point trophy in competition. "If we do this," Mr. Martin, the commissioner, said in speaking of the affair, "I have little doubt the Washington boys will make every effort to bring back the trophy with them."

"It might occasion some chagrin to scout from other councils to have our boys win our own trophy, but it would certainly speak well for the ability of our boys."

### Scout Examinations On.

Examinations are now being given by Boy Scouts in connection with the campaign against street accidents. These examinations are given by the scoutmasters of the different troops on the council, Boy Scouts of America. The boys who pass satisfactorily are awarded the "American Safety Museum" button.

## SCOUTS IN RELAY GET FINAL ORDERS

### Route for Relay Run From Capital to Chicago Laid Out by Directors.

Final instructions for the Boy Scouts who are to take part in the big relay race from Washington to Chicago have been issued and from now until Tuesday morning every boy will be occupied with committing these to memory and getting himself into condition for the event.

After assembly Tuesday morning at Boy Scout headquarters in the District building at 8:15, the boys will go to the White House, where the start will be made at 9:30. The message will be delivered by the President to Fred Reed, one of the highest rank scouts in the District. The route has been selected as follows:

From north porch of White House, north to Jackson place, bearing left into Connecticut avenue. The way lies along Connecticut avenue to Farragut square. Right into Seventeenth street and turn left into K street and again right into Connecticut avenue. At Dupont circle, bear right halfway around the circle. At the McClintock Monument in fork, bear left leaving trolley line. Wind left and right across long stone bridge (Rock Creek). Turn left on Bryley lane. At the end of the lane, meet trolley line and turn right over the railroad bridge.

Through Bethesda. Proceed through Bethesda to blacksmith shop at fork of road, turn to the left, follow trolley and proceed along road after trolley turns off to the right, to the trolley tracks again, then follow trolley line to court house, on the left. At Rockville, on arrival at the "corners," turn right on Washington street, leaving trolley, and follow the poles on the rough side. The route then passes through Gaithersburg, Md., to Clarksville, then to Hyattstown and to Frederick, Md. The boys would reach Frederick a distance of not more than forty-five miles, at 6 o'clock at the latest.

A feature of the run will be the careful supervision of the runners. A telegram will be sent to the Chicago management of the athletic contest, and the first boy leaves the White House and on the start of every boy on his arrival at the next station, so that the exact position of the message every few minutes will be known exactly to the managers of the big carnival.

### In Automobiles.

The boys will be assigned places in automobiles according to numbers. The first boy, Fred Reed, will be No. 1. The other boys, numbered from 2 up, will then be taken in machines and carried to the point at which they are to start. Assignments will be made at headquarters.

The boys will then proceed to the White House, where a moving picture will be taken. Every boy is requested to remember what machine he belongs to and to always re-enter it if he is compelled to get out for any reason. This is done to prevent confusion and secure easy carrying out of all details.

Boys numbered 2 to 4 will proceed at once by electric cars to Rockville. At this place they will be met by three automobiles and carried to the place at which they are to start on the race. Boys numbered 5 and others up to 23 will enter the machines assigned at headquarters and will be carried to the point at which they are to enter the race.

### Local Boys Named.

The complete list of boys who will take part in the Washington end of the relay run from Washington to Chicago next week has not yet been made up. The boys who have been examined up to today, however, follow:

Norman Kaleski, Clarence Kerstein, Lallier Tappanier, William Kealey, Albert Kerstein, Harry Friedenberg, William Lynch, Gerald Swan, Albert Almand, Joseph Goldstein, Kenneth Rogers, Raymond Hurdie, Elton Taylor, Arthur Bau, Emory Naylor, Edward Duke, George Kraft, Raymond Baur, Hamilton Dougherty, John Petrie, Roger Lugenbuhl, Artie Browning, Edward King, Norris Gaudes, Dwight Perry, Harry Campbell, Orville Walsh, Hayes Jack, Arnel Carpenter, William Ge, Benjamin Brozman, Clarence Shrop, Chester Guy, and Earl Anderson, Edward Comgey.

## Boy Scouts Will Help At Gettysburg Fetes

Boy Scouts will have an important part in the Gettysburg celebration July 3 and 4, and Deputy Commissioner J. Woodbridge Faxon, of Philadelphia, who has charge of the scouts there, is the city arranging for the work of the boys at the historic battlefield.

There will be 300 boys. Many of them are veterans, and as such are entitled to go on the field in that capacity. They will act as aides, ushers, and "scouts." The boys will meet the incoming veterans, assist them in handling their baggage, direct them to their tents, and stay with them, if necessary, to assist in any way possible.

Every boy who attends will receive a medal similar to that given the veterans. The boys will be taken to Gettysburg under the auspices of the War Department, and will be cared for by them.

## Want Place in Camp For Unfortunate Boy

Indications of the high opinion in which Boy Scouts are held are contained in a letter received by E. S. Martin, scout commissioner here from Ernest Turg under the name of "The Boy Scout." The letter was written by a woman, a teacher in the West Virginia schools for the deaf and blind, at Romney, W. Va.

The letter asks if it will not be possible for the National Boy Scout Council to provide a place for a boy at the summer camp, where he could earn his board and at the same time receive instruction in the matter following investigation that she and her husband are unable with their limited means to give the boy what they consider proper instruction in lines relating to boy life, and feel sure the Boy Scouts' system of instruction would be just what is needed for him. The boy is twelve years old.

Mr. Martin declared today that the local council would gladly take some action in the matter following investigation of the matter.

## Assistant Secretary Is Well Equipped

The new assistant field secretary, Dr. W. H. Leonard, who went on duty at Boy Scout headquarters this week, is declared to be especially well equipped for his work, and has already shown that he is an important addition to the official staff of the council. Dr. Leonard has studied sanitation at some of the best universities in the world, and is well-versed in all the latest scientific knowledge relating to the prevention of disease. He is especially pleasing to Boy Scout officials at this time, as Field Secretary Wood is absent most of the summer at Camp Archibald Butt, the summer camp of the Boy Scouts below Chesapeake Beach.

## Program For Start Of Scout Relay Run

All boys who are to take part in the relay run meet at room 2, District building, Scout headquarters, at 8:15.

Trip to the White House will be made at 9 o'clock. Picture will be taken and everything prepared for the start.

The start will be promptly at 9:30 o'clock, from the north porch of the White House.

Among the officials of the Boy Scouts who are expected to be present are President Colin H. Livingston, of the National Council, H. Y.; Ernest Thompson Seton, chief scout; J. Woodbridge Patten, deputy scout commissioner of the Philadelphia Council; John B. Webb, chief scout executive of the National Council.

Invitations have been extended to the Cabinet officers to be present, and it is expected Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo and a number of others will be present. The entire Illinois delegation, including Senators Lewis and Sherman, and the Congressmen will probably be present.

Local arrangements for the relay are in charge of Congressman Fred A. Britten.

## Troop 47 in Camp Near Chain Bridge

Members of Troop Forty-seven, Armand A. Gunnell, Scoutmaster, are camping near the Chain Bridge on the Virginia side of the Potomac. Nearly twenty enthusiastic Boy Scouts are taking part in the outing and all sorts of scout activities are being carried out. The boys have complete camp equipment and do their own cooking and provide everything required in an ideal camp.

Plans are being made for a three days "hike" to Leesburg by members of this troop. The boys will start under "heavy" marching orders, that is, with tents, complete supplies for the trip and everything required to make things comfortable during the trip.

Special attention will be paid to plant life birds. A camera will be an important part of the equipment and the boys declare they will have plenty of souvenirs to show on their return. A complete list of the boys who will go on the "hike" has not yet been made.

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## Boy Scout Diaries For 1913 Are Received

Scout Commissioner Martin has just received an installment of the official Boy Scout Diaries for 1913. The call for these has been so large that it has been difficult to obtain enough to fill the demand. The little books are red, of convenient size, and contain, besides the regulation space for notes on daily events, excerpts from the Scout Law, space for a record of scout promotions, patrol signs, whistle signs and signals, Remembrance Morse Alphabet, the Meyer code, International Code Signal, Indian Signs and Blazes, Deaf and Dumb Alphabet, hints on Woodcraft, first aid hints, rules of health, map reading, conventional signs and other data of interest to scouts.

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